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Report highlights MK as fastest growing city and top for jobs

What's not to love?

BY JAMES AVERILL

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MILTON Keynes has been recognised as one of the country's most important cities – after coming out top once again in the prestigious Centre for Cities report.

The city was recognised as the fastest growing in the UK since 2003 and top for the number of jobs created and the amount of new homes built – while it was second only to London for the number of business start-ups per 10,000 people.

And it appears that the Centre for Cities report is not alone in highlighting how amazing MK is, as our readers have flocked to send in pictures of our city looking its best in a photographic competition.

Residents were also full of praise for their hometown when MK NEWS took to the streets to find out why people loved the city.

Ray Willis, 79, from Downhead Park, said: "There is so much to do and so many places to do it.

"There are so many lakes to enjoy and I know people who come all the way down from Manchester just to go fishing in Milton Keynes."

Maureen Covill, 72, from Stony Stratford, added that she 'loved being in a town with a major city on her doorstep'.

There have been 14,800 homes built in MK since 2003 and Rob Hyde and his partner Becky Sorrell recently bought a three-bed house in St Giles Park.

Rob, who works in MK, said: "The road network is ideal and the parkland our house overlooks is perfect for a stroll with our two labradors."

Since 2003, more than 24,400 jobs have been created, the biggest percentage growth in the country.

Major companies such as Red Bull Racing and Network Rail have moved in within the last 10 years.

Find more on this story online www.mkweb.co.uk/news

Golden glow: Helen Cooke sent in this picture of the sunset over Brooklands Farm. For more great readers' pictures and to enter our photographic competition, see page 4

A Network Rail spokesman said: "We chose Milton Keynes as the site for our national centre because it offers a fantastic way of life, with all the amenities of a major city in the heart of the countryside."

Network Rail is one of the city's biggest employers, with 3,000 working at the Quadrant:MK.

One of the other major employers is the centre:mk and centre director James Waugh said: "It [the report] will be one of the first things we discuss with major retailers who may be looking at moving into the centre. We can point out how well we compare even with places like London."

MK has also finally crept into the top 10 cities for the number of patents for new inventions per 10,000 population. Dr Phil Smith, chairman of the MK Business Leaders Partnership, said: "The innovative ability to look for something exciting, such as the driverless pods and cars, keeps us driving forward. We don't have the old values of a traditional town to worry about, we are a young entity looking for something new."

Council leader Pete Marland said of the report: "We may spend time defending the city from jokes about roundabouts, but people who live here care about the city. It is dynamic and where people want to try new things without the fear of failure. If you get it right here, you have a great platform to get it right everywhere."

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OUR CITY IN NUMBERS:

14,800 – New homes since 2004 – a growth of 16.4 per cent
24,400 – Jobs created since 2003 – a growth of 18.2 per cent.
2 – We were second only to London for the number of business start-ups per 10,000 population, with 67.7.
577 – The number of pounds earned weekly by the average resident in Milton Keynes.
5.1 – MK has finally moved into the top 10 (just) of patents per 10,000 population. We had 5.1, but Cambridge was well ahead with 65.6.
14.7 – The percentage of growth in private sector jobs, second to London.
1,825 – Number of new businesses created in the city since 2003.

Firefighters see the smoke and flames they are racing towards

Destructive blaze in

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A YEAR after a huge warehouse blaze MK NEWS can reveal never-before-seen images that show the extent of the damage.

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service has given us exclusive access to the images of the fire at Liebherr in Renny Park Road, Newport Pagnell, on January 14, 2014.

They show what the firefighters saw as they approached the scene, the smouldering debris and the twisted metal left behind.

Smoke from the accidental blaze could be seen 10 miles away and it took 60 firefighters three hours to put out the flames.

Twelve months on the warehouse, which Liebherr had been using to store 7,000 fridges, has been flattened and the manufacturers have moved to new premises in Kingston.

The site was left derelict for six months to the frustration of some residents living opposite in Hopton Grove.

A planning application for the site was submitted by Waterline Limited to Milton Keynes Council in September 2014.

The company wants to build a distribution centre for refrigeration units.

WHAT THE RESIDENTS SAID:

Chloe Sharp, 32, from Hopton Grove said: "The rubble was left for at least five months and it was not fully cleared until July.

"It was an eyesore and there was a large piece of iron that was left flapping in the wind and I was worried that if it broke off it could fall into the road.

"I called Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service to see if they could help."

Councillor Douglas McCall, who lives next door to the site, said: "As a resident I think they have been taking a long time to clear and rebuild on the site."

Another resident, who did not wish to be named, said: "It hasn't really affected me. There was a bad smell around when it first happened but once that had cleared I didn't really think about it much.

"Maybe it did take a long time to clear but that didn't worry me."

The residents we spoke to were unaware of what was going to be built on the site but one man said: "I don't really mind what is built there.

"I just hope that a fire like this never happens again."

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Help save MK's CAB

WITH reference to your article 'Couple living in tent nightmare' (*MK NEWS, January 14*).

I was saddened to read about the case of Mr and Mrs Diatta and hope they are able to find more suitable accommodation soon.

In your article, you mentioned that Milton Keynes Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) is soon to be closed. If Milton Keynes Council's current budget proposals are implemented, MK CAB will indeed close. However, I wanted to let you know that discussions with the council are ongoing and this is not a certainty yet.

The council has stated that the draft budget is a proposal and that it will consider public opinion before making its final decision in February. We have received a huge amount of public support and we have been very grateful for this.

If your readers object to the council's decision to cease to provide the information and advice contract that constitutes MK CAB's core funding, they can email letstalkbudgetmk@milton-keynes.gov.uk to make their views known.

We very much hope that the council will reconsider this decision and come up with an alternative, so that we can continue to help people with their problems. The people who come to see us are often coping with a crisis, or an unexpected change of circumstances, and would have nowhere else to turn to if MK CAB was not here to help.

Steve Naylor
Chief Executive
MK CAB

Cyclists are a hazard

IS IT just me, or has anyone else noticed, or even fallen victim to, the expansion in the number of cyclists riding their bikes on the pavement – some quite recklessly?

Apart from the conspicuous hazard this poses to the pedestrian, cyclists should be aware that they are subject to the same laws as other road users and, although they cannot be imprisoned or disqualified, they can be fined.

The penalty for cycling on the pavement is a maximum fine of £500.

If more sanctions were seen to be taken against those that offend in this way, then perhaps our footpaths and pavements would become safer places to walk upon.

Mervyn Dunn
Milton Grove
Bletchley

End reliance on cars

IN RELATION to the great multi-storey debate I fully sympathise with Andrew Geary's position.

Without good grounds to refuse a planning application you have to approve it and not liking the aesthetics of the proposal is not generally considered valid grounds for a refusal.

Added to this, I would have thought that parking in a multi-storey form is a more economical use of valuable city centre land.

However, given that the shopping building is listed, great care needs to be devoted to arriving at a design that compliments rather than detracts from its 'setting'.

The successful outcome of the recent Stony Stratford Cofferidge Close redevelopment appeal hinged significantly on this 'setting' argument. I have my concerns about how the proposed CMK multi-storey car park will relate to the existing elegant gable end of the shopping building and nowhere have I seen any reference to this setting issue and I am surprised by that. Likewise, while I have read press references to the proposal generating 'traffic congestion', I have not seen any argument supporting this.

But there is a bigger issue here. Continued car-dependency by MK cannot go on forever in a world threatened by global warming and climate change – unless MK feels for some reason such issues do not apply to it.

Until very recently MK Council's transport strategy was aimed at securing a modal shift away from car to bus dependency. This was the SITS transport strategy that last year was rejected via the approval of the new LDF Core Strategy. However, the new PLAN MK strategy, now at consultation stage, offers a new opportunity to recover that lost ground and help 'nudge' MK in a more sustainable direction.

A SITS approach would recognise a need to attract as much custom into our city centre as possible. To assist that economic goal it could propose that shoppers be given free car parking for, say, three hours with a charge of £5 per hour thereafter.

This would also apply to employment-related parking, but confronting a daily charge of approaching £40 would encourage most workers to switch to accessing the city centre by an enhanced public transport system, which is the way that most cities work.

What MK needs is a greater council commitment to pursuing greater sustainability allied to a more imaginative approach to problem-solving.

Mike O'Sullivan
Latimer, Stony Stratford

Send your MK photos to snap up a prize

In the frame: *Clockwise from above*, Willen Lake bandstand by Nathan Caesar; canal bridge by Lynn Houghton and Willow Lake by I Bradshaw

Residents have answered our call for captivating pictures of Milton Keynes in their droves.

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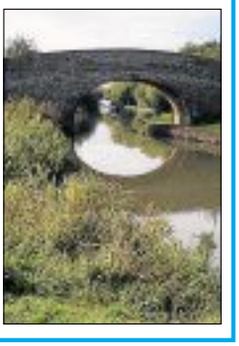

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Overturned: Firefighters and police were called after a lorry fell on its side at Browns Wood

Lorry topples in high winds

FIREFIGHTERS were called after an articulated lorry overturned at Browns Wood Roundabout, at the junction of Bletcham Way and Tongwell Street.

One appliance and crew from Broughton attended the accident on Wednesday last week. The injured driver had already been released before they arrived.

Police officers were also at the scene alongside the Highways Agency. It is believed that the lorry fell over due to strong winds.

Call for CCTV to increase safety

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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RESIDENTS on a city estate are calling for more police officers on their streets and CCTV cameras following an alleged rape last Wednesday.

Terry Baines, chairman of the Fishermead Residents Association (FRA), told MK NEWS that he fully supports residents' demands following the alleged attack of a teenage girl in Falmouth Place on the estate.

It is the second incident in Fishermead since August 2014 but, despite residents' views, Mr Baines doesn't think CCTV will ever be installed.

He said: "Any serious sex attack is one too many, we have had two alleged attacks on Fishermead since August 2014. Both have seen results due to the tremendous work by Thames Valley Police.

"We have had residents calling for more police officers on the streets of Fishermead and CCTV cameras on the estate, which I would wholeheartedly support, even though I know it's never going to happen due to lack of money.

"One thing the FRA will not accept is people saying Fishermead is not safe.

"The estate is as safe as any other and crime rates have fallen."

■ Two men appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Monday, each charged with one count of rape.

Both, Omar Ahmed, 23, of Warwick Road, Bletchley, and Glody Maki, 23, of Boycott Avenue, Oldbrook, have been remanded in custody and are due to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court on Monday.

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Robbery charge
RYAN Fuller, 24, of no fixed abode, is due to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court on Monday charged with robbery at NatWest in Bletchley.

Cyclist is stable
A 74-YEAR-OLD cyclist is stable in hospital following a collision in Brickhill Street.

Deadline extended
THE deadline for entries to the MK Business Achievement Awards has been extended to February 2.

Protests over MK budget cuts

A PROTEST group is expected to hold a demonstration against the council's budget cuts this evening.

Members of MK Against the Cuts will meet outside the Civic Offices before a meeting of the Budget Review Group, which will discuss the £22million cuts.

Kate Hunter, of MK Against the Cuts, said the budget 'targeted the vulnerable'.

One group facing losing its funding is the YMCA, which helps homeless people.

Chief executive Ian Revell said: "We need people to demonstrate what this service means to many people."

Uniting after Paris attacks

MILTON Keynes Equality Council (MKEC) has called a meeting to help communities feel safer after the Charlie Hebdo terrorist attacks in Paris.

Residents from all backgrounds are invited to Silbury Court West on Friday at 6pm, including both MPs.

Navrita Atwal, chief executive of MKEC, said: "I know communities have been concerned. As a result of this we have called this meeting to restore confidence."

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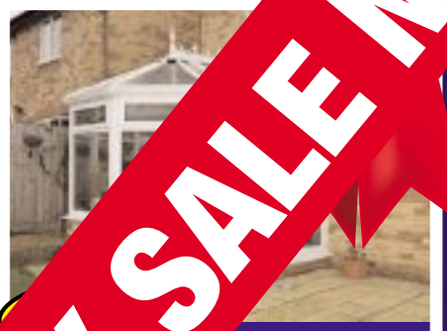

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Woman is sexually assaulted

POLICE are searching for a 25-year-old man in connection with a sexual assault in Cross Street, Newport Pagnell, on Friday.

At about 9.35pm a 34-year-old woman was approached by a white man wearing a Superdry jacket who sexually assaulted her, before running away down Caldecote Street.

Investigating officer PC Pete Green said: "We are appealing for anyone who either witnessed the assault, or saw a man matching this description running down Caldecote Street.

"This assault left the victim very shaken and so if you think you have any information please contact us immediately."

Contact PC Green via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 101.

If you don't want to speak directly to the police, contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Sign down after safety concerns

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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QUESTIONS have been raised over the safety of a hotel sign at The Hub after it has come loose twice in the last year posing a risk to passersby.

Jurys Inn has told MK NEWS that the sign has currently been taken down until the risk to the public's safety has been reduced.

Last Sunday, firefighters set up a safety cordon and used a turntable ladder to secure the sign. This resulted in three sections of it being removed.

An eyewitness said the fire service was called after part of the sign blew down and landed on the grass verge near Midsummer Boulevard.

It followed the sign becoming loose in February 2014.

A spokesman from Jurys Inn said: "We are doing a complete due diligence on the sign and have employed a structural engineer to oversee the process.

"The sign will not go up until we are fully satisfied that there will be no risk of it becoming loose again and we are working with the local fire service to ensure they are satisfied before it goes back up."

Signing off: Part of the sign was removed before it was taken down

Tributes to Mars pioneer

FOLLOWING the news that The Beagle 2 Mars Lander has been found on the planet, the wife of the late Open University professor who was the brains behind the project has paid tribute to her husband's achievement.

Colin Pillinger died in May 2014 not knowing the whereabouts of the craft he had dedicated so much of his life to.

Dr Judith Pillinger, who was also heavily involved in the Beagle 2 project, said: "On behalf of Colin, I would like to thank everyone who joined with him to make Beagle 2 happen so many years ago, and in particular the NASA MRO HiRISE team and colleagues who have continued to search for the lander.

"For me and his family, of course, seeing the images from Mars brings about mixed emotions. An immense sense of pride is inevitably tinged with great sadness that Colin is not able to share the findings with us.

"Colin was always fond of a football analogy. No doubt he would have compared Beagle 2 landing on Mars, but being unable to communicate, to having 'hit the crossbar' rather than missing the goal completely.

"Beagle 2 was born out of Colin's quest for scientific knowledge. Had he known the team came so close to scoring he would certainly have been campaigning to 'tap in the rebound' with Beagle 3 and continue experiments to answer questions about life on Mars."

Flashback: How MK NEWS first reported The Beagle 2 in 2003

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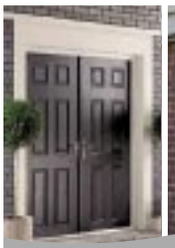

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Gran says roads are a death risk

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A GRANDMOTHER-OF-SIX is frustrated that new estates continue to be built across the city without ensuring residents have safe access to local amenities.

Lesley Pedder from Walton feels like she has to risk her and her four-year-old grandson's lives two days a week to walk him to nursery in Wavendon Gate.

Because Lesley is living on a new housing estate she faces a 25-minute walk across the V10 Brickhill Street, or a 45-minute walk if she takes Jack half a mile to the nearest underpass.

The former care worker, who is now a cleaner, said: "Housing developers and the council are filling in all the little areas of land and not thinking of the consequences.

"The V10 is a single carriageway and this section doesn't need to be 60mph as it is between two roundabouts.

"The island in the middle is not big enough to safely put a buggie on and I know teenagers from Walton High School use the route too."

Risking their lives: Lesley Pedder with Diana Kyere and her children Maleah and Elijah trying to cross the V10 in Walton

To use a postbox, or visit a local shop or GP, residents at the developing Walton estate either have to drive or face a 20-minute walk via the V10 into Walnut Tree.

Lesley has invited MK NEWS columnist Jon Brett to cross the road with her and her grandson after he wrote that 'only deranged campaigners want reduced speed limits on grid roads'.

She added: "I have invited Mr Brett to join Jack and I as we take our life in our hands."

Mr Brett has accepted the invitation and will meet Lesley soon.

The campaigning granny added she simply wants a sensible crossing in a sensible place and for this to be better considered for other new builds.

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MK M1 Franchise Show Saturday 31 January

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It's not often in an era of wage freezes, zero hour contracts & general business belt tightening that you'll see an exhibition where companies are clamouring to attract new workers. But that's exactly what will be going on the Doubletree by Hulton Hotel on Saturday 31 January when it's hosting a major Franchise recruitment event.

30+ franchised brands are exhibiting. All are hoping to set up a branch of their business in & around the M1 Corridor towns of Luton, Bedford, Northampton plus MK itself - and all want to meet anyone who is looking for a career change and will consider a move into a self employment.

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So, those who are keen on researching self employment are invited to attend the free exhibition. Mark Monument summarises:

'There's a wide variety of full & part time options exhibiting. Some require a very low investment...while others need significant financial input. In all cases, since the franchise owner trains you in how to run their business, visitors needn't feel restricted to working in an industry that they already know. You can retrain as a sports coach or set up a theatre school. Clean beer lines or clean houses. Run a mobile coffee shop or run a lettings agency....there's those ideas plus twenty five other business ideas to find in the hall too'

Entry to the exhibition is free - though fast track pre registration can be booked online. Exhibition is open 9.30am – 4pm on Saturday 31 January at the Double Tree by Hulton Hotel at Stadium MK. **www.franchiseopenday.co.uk**

Mums Mean Business talk @ 10am

Entrepreneurial mums are being invited to a free morning franchise talk on Saturday 31 January taking place at Stadium MK

The 10.00am session opens the Expo and features franchises and business opportunities which are particularly suitable for busy families who fancy running their own business – but also need part time or flexible working hours.

Event organiser Louise Hamer explains that the thirst for self employment is growing:

"We have invited working Mums along to franchise shows in sixteen other UK cities over the last four years and it has become a real feature of our franchise events.

The interest for flexible working and supplementary income with the ability to fit around school hours and school holidays seems to capture the imagination

We've some Mum friendly / flexible hour franchises exhibiting which can help earn a supplementary income but still allow the franchisee to squeeze in family life too... plus three local enterprise support & advice groups aimed at assisting women into self employment"

Kids, buggies and Dads are all welcome - plus there's a series of other franchise talks taking place all day - full details of which can be seen online: **www.franchiseopenday.co.uk**

'Redundancy was the start of running my own business ...'

Tony Whiles visited a previous MK Franchise Expo back in 2011 after being made redundant from his sales manager role.

Having hit a brick wall with numerous job applications, Tony came along to the show just to browse and get some ideas and two months later had set up his own caravan bodywork repair business with Caravan Medic.

Tony s franchise fee included training at Caravan Medics head office in Leighton Buzzard, plus was given full product training, marketing ideas & tools to launch his business and find local users for his service.

Now nearly four years in, business is going well.

I was a reluctant person to enter self employment. But, simply, I needed to find work and it was tough just to get an interview. Buying a franchise has ended up being a great new career though. Redundancy was the start of running my own business. And I d fully recommend franchising as a means of running your own business. There s always a helping hand available from head office a bit like having a permanent business mentor to see you through the early days and I can t recommend self employment enough. Go for it

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Police dog bit fleeing burglar

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A MAN who tried to steal from his former employers was bitten by a Thames Valley Police dog as he tried to get away from the scene of the crime.

Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court heard that Christopher Sames, 37, of Debbs Close, Stony Stratford, who was addicted to crack cocaine, took a sledgehammer and broke into the Budgens store in the town's Cofferidge Close at 3.28am on Saturday.

Having failed to find a key for the safe, which he believed held up to £5,000, Sames took the CCTV hard-drive and went back out to his van.

A Thames Valley Police canine unit had arrived when he tried to get away and a dog bit him in the leg.

Sames, who had worked at the store for 18 months before his contract was terminated in October 2014, repeatedly slammed the door on the dog to try and get away.

He pleaded guilty to one count of burglary. He will be sentenced at crown court on a date still to be fixed and, as part of his bail conditions, magistrates issued a curfew for him to remain at his home address between 7pm and 7am.

He was also ordered not to go back to Cofferidge Close.

Banner on free speech

Celebrating free speech: Charlie Hebdo banner that was presented by Paul Hedges and Marie Da Silva yesterday

A FRENCH group has presented MK NEWS with a banner to celebrate freedom of speech following the terrorist attacks in Paris.

Marie Da Silva, 42, from Two Mile Ash, set up the group in 2009 to unite French speakers. "We were shocked to hear of the attacks on Charlie Hebdo and wanted to show our unity and support for free speech," she said.

Paul Hedges added: "We wanted to present the banner to MK NEWS after we felt they represented the people."

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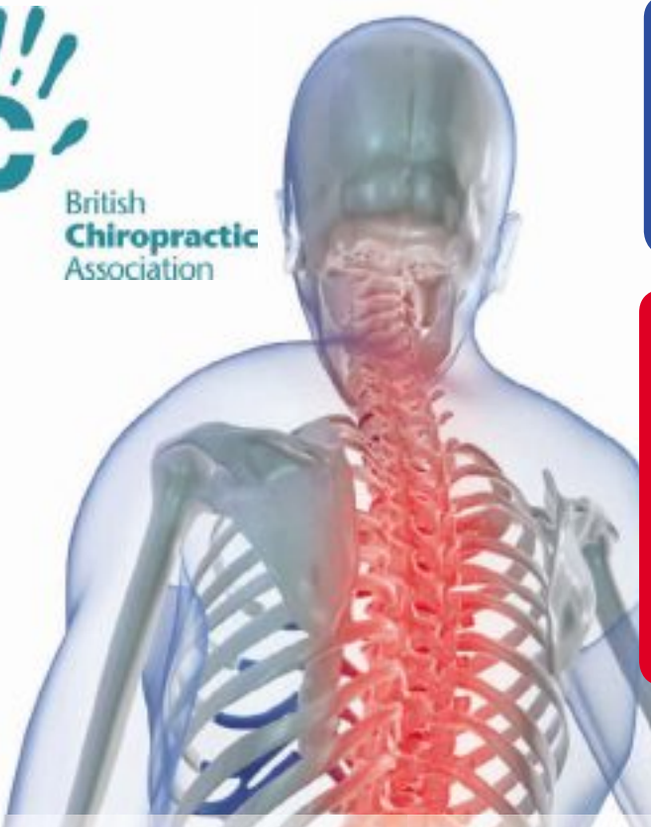

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Travellers facing bus cuts misery

BY JAMES AVERILL
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SEVERAL major Milton Keynes bus routes face losing some of their evening and Sunday services due to council budget cuts.

Route 1, which goes through Bletchley, the city centre and Newport Pagnell, is one of up to 13 routes that could lose subsidised services after 8pm and on weekends.

While weekday daytime services would continue on these routes, critics have argued that many people working on later shifts will be affected by the changes.

Alan Francis, a member of Milton Keynes Bus Users Group, said: "The cuts to bus services are completely unacceptable. Large areas of the city would lose their evening bus services.

"While I welcome the retention of daytime services to many estates and villages not served by the commercial network, many estates would be left without any bus service after about 8pm on weekdays and others on Sundays. Many people don't finish work until the late evening and need to be able to catch buses home."

Non-runner: Alan Francis is incensed at the planned bus cuts

The cabinet member responsible for transport, Cllr Matt Clifton, said: "I think we've actually got something we can have confidence in now.

"The context is not a happy one and the envelope of money is small. Everyone would love to maintain subsidised services as they are, however that is not possible.

"Conversations with organisations such as the bus users group were positive in that they were engaged with us, although they quite understandably don't want to see cuts in bus subsidies. But their help has been welcomed."

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Husband 'let down' by Alzheimer's care

BY NISHA MAL
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AN INVESTIGATION has been launched into the care of a 61-year-old man with Alzheimer's, after his wife complained about his treatment.

June Stratford-Williams, from Furzton, says her husband Nick has suffered from Alzheimer's for two years and also has depression.

He was sent to the Campbell Centre in Eaglestone after his health deteriorated. June claims the centre didn't know how to look after her husband's needs and he began to become withdrawn, refusing to eat, shower and get changed.

June says that in a scheme with the Community Dementia Service, Milton Keynes Council was supposed to review Nick's case and present a care plan on December 7, 2014.

The council has apologised for the problems the couple have experienced and promised to investigate.

June said: "If the council had given us a care plan when they were supposed to it would have never got to this stage."

Care lapses: June Stratford-Williams is upset at the treatment received by her husband, Nick, who suffers from Alzheimer's

After being in the centre for three days, June says her husband was sent to A&E because his kidney and liver results showed abnormal readings.

She said: "We waited five-and-a-half hours to be seen – Nick was completely exhausted. Finally they did some X-rays, sedated him and moved him to a ward. For me it was wonderful to see him finally sleep."

In a joint statement from the council and hospital, Lorna Payne, the divisional director of Central and North West London NHS Foundation, which also manages the Community Dementia Service, said: "Sometimes things do go wrong and the purpose of an investigation is to find what will make this not happen again; in particular were there any contacts or opportunities we had to make a difference."

Nick has since been moved to The Older Person's Assessment Service and June is fighting for a care plan so her husband can come home.

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No that is not a typing error. I know the word interesting isn't usually synonymous with the word pensions. In fact the title appears to be an oxymoron but I expect to explain in the following paragraph why that isn't in fact the case.

You see pensions have recently been going through a revolutionary change since the government announced that from next April you will be able to cash in your money purchase pension in full as a lump sum to spend it as you wish! Suddenly overnight pensions have become sexy!

The government has even recently suggested that they may allow annuitants, that is people in receipt of a pension known as an annuity, to cash them in too. This is a concept that has never been allowed previously.

The ability to draw out all of your money from your pension comes with a catch though. Apart from the 25% Tax Free Cash lump sum the rest of it will be subject to Income Tax at your highest rate which could be as high as 45%! Somehow I don't see many people taking all of their money out of their pensions because who would want to lose so much of it to tax?

Tony Byrne
Financial Planning Director
Wealth And Tax Management

What I do see happening though is that people will enjoy more flexibility with their pensions knowing they will be able to vary their pension income income each year without any limits. They will also welcome being treated as adults and trusted by the government to take care of their own money. A novel concept!

However, as with all things that appear too good to be true there is usually a catch and this rule change is no exception. Accompanying the change there have been a raft of other changes which have greatly increased the complexity of pensions. There are many traps for the unwary. So getting good professional advice from a Chartered and/or Certified Financial Planner is essential.

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Here's hoping for

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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IT LOOKS like 2015 will be very eventful for our new charity of the year – the Hope for Hollie Foundation.

The charity was originally set up as an appeal in 2007 by Helen Carter, the mother of Hollie, nine, who was diagnosed with Niemann-Pick Type C (NP-C).

The foundation achieved charitable status last year and is now spreading the word about NP-C and supporting affected families by giving grants to both individuals and organisations.

There are only 1,000 diagnosed cases of NP-C in the world and it is believed that there could be more people out there who are affected but are living undiagnosed.

Currently there are 100 children suffering with the condition in the UK, but shockingly four of those – Hollie, Joshua Cullip, Roman James and Zayn Slatch – live in our area.

NP-C is a rare inherited metabolic condition. Having NP-C means that sufferers cannot process cholesterol properly. Excessive amounts of cholesterol accumulate within the liver and spleen and continue to build in the brain, doing irreversible damage. But symptoms can be so different you wouldn't even know these four children had the same condition.

Hollie, from Shenley Brook End, and Joshua, aged eight, from Cosgrove, were diagnosed around the same time and appear to be showing a classic form of NP-C.

Both children had liver disease at birth and recovered, but since school age they have started to show varied symptoms of the disease.

Hollie has high frequency hearing loss, for which she

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Still smiling: *From left*, Roman James, Hollie Carter, Zayn Slatch and Joshua Cullip all have NP-C

wears hearing aids, and learning disabilities. She also has an enlarged spleen, which protrudes outside her rib cage, and wears a guard at school to protect it.

Hollie is a friendly, fun loving and strong willed little girl who loves to sing and dance to One Direction.

Joshua suffers from tiredness, an enlarged spleen, poor core muscle control, which means he needs supportive seating in class, and has special needs.

Two-year-old Zayn, from Bradwell Common, has a more aggressive early onset NP-C. He cannot talk, but despite all of this he is always smiling.

Roman, also two, is from Leighton Buzzard and is also displaying quite severe symptoms.

At present there is no cure for NP-C. Although many children die before the age of 10, the vast majority live to around 20.

Only one drug that helps slow down the disease is available in the UK, called Zavesca. However, a trial of a new drug, which started in America in 2012, may be extended to the UK this year.

Professor Paul Gissen at Great Ormond Street Hospital is the medical advisor for the Hope for Hollie Foundation.

All four children have to visit the specialist children's hospital for their main treatment as well as have check-ups more locally.

He said: "For a number of patients with NP-C it can take a long time for them to be diagnosed, as it all depends on how prevalent it is, or if it is still slowly progressing."

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Relieving pressure on hospital service

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A CHARITY is helping relieve pressure on Milton Keynes Hospital services by getting older people discharged as safely and quickly as possible.

The subject of using charities to free hospitals up has been a hot topic nationally in recent days, but Age UK Milton Keynes has been working with Milton Keynes Hospital since August 2014 to ensure older people have what they need at home before being released from hospital.

Older people who have no support at home often stay in hospital out of concern for their general wellbeing. To counter this, members of the charity's home from hospital team visit the wards to speak to patients and makes sure their fridges are stocked and prescriptions are collected.

The charity also works with occupational therapists to make sure people have rails and ramps if needed.

Paul Griffiths, marketing and fundraising manager at Age UK Milton Keynes, said: "We are very happy with how this service is going, but more importantly I think patients and the hospital are happy.

"It's about making sure that people can leave hospital quickly and safely."

A hospital spokesman said: "Age UK and the home from hospital team provide an excellent service. We're delighted to be working with them in conjunction with Milton Keynes CCG."

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Eatery battles its zero rating

BY JACK ASH
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THE new management at a grill house, which is the only food outlet in the city to have a zero food hygiene rating, says it is making changes to fix the problem.

MK Peri Peri Hut had its last inspection in November 2014 when it maintained a zero rating from the Food Standards Agency.

At the inspection the officer looked at how food is handled and stored, the conditions and structure of the building and how standards are managed.

The new management at the eatery in Knebworth Gate, Gifford Park, has been in charge for a month and owns a number of restaurants in London that have food hygiene ratings of between four and five.

A spokesman for the restaurant said: "We have only kept on one member of the previous team and we are targeting a separate part of the restaurant every day to clean. Staff are in an hour earlier to prep the shop.

"You can do things off the top of your head but we are putting systems in place to maintain our high standards together with the Food Standards Agency."

They added: "We respect the Food Standards Agency's decision, but the old owner said they caught him on a bad day and that if it was that bad they would have shut him down.

"We have had customers turn away because of the rating but you can see straight through into the kitchen and how clean it is."

Peri poor: MK Peri Peri got zero from the Food Standards Agency

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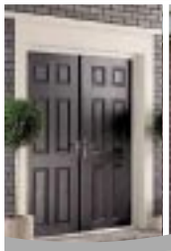

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The war through

WE SPEAK to the women featured in The Debs of Bletchley Park and Other Stories written by historian Michael Smith

Lady Marion Body

THE 91-year-old from Stanford Dingley in Berkshire was a Foreign Office civilian working on Japanese encoded messages alongside HRH The Duchess of Cambridge's grandmother and great aunt.

Last year she had a special meeting with Kate Middleton and told her what her grandmother and great aunt did with her at Bletchley.

Lady Body said: "I was recruited from my secretary college. Others came to Bletchley Park as they were daughters of Generals and Admirals so they could be relied upon to keep their mouths shut.

"Ultra was the code word used to send messages out and the code was never used again, only at Bletchley Park."

Jean Pitt-Lewis

JEAN was a member of the legendry Dilly's Girls, a group of young women who worked alongside the great Bletchley codebreaker Dilly Knox breaking Italian and German secret service Enigma messages.

The work of the Foreign Office civilian, from Monmouth in Gwent, was vital to the Double Cross deception, which ensured the success of the D-Day landings.

"Dilly interviewed me himself," said Jean. "It was bit of a farce my interview and he said to me it might be helpful if I learnt a word of German or two. He also talked about some of the women and mentioned one who 'was a nice person but wore trousers, a bow tie and smoked a pipe'.

"My mother was ecstatic when she found out what I did."

Betty Webb

FROM Wythall in Worcestershire, Betty was a member of the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS).

She worked on German police messages in the mansion at Bletchley Park.

These messages revealed the beginning of the Holocaust, when thousands of Jews were massacred.

Betty then moved to Block F to write intelligence reports based on Japanese army messages decoded at Bletchley.

She is very proud of the messages she revealed, particularly the ones to do with the Holocaust. She also spoke of the many activities held at Bletchley Park. "The Americans visited and there were lots of events, drama groups and a choir," she said.

"Today I will make a list. I will focus on my goals. I won't waste time on social media. I will make things happen".

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Why do we need mindfulness?

As we have already discovered with the 2 minute breathing exercise, paying attention to just one thing is challenging. We are simply not used to it. We very rarely focus on one thought or task at a time. Our thoughts take over.
Often our minds are on autopilot, randomly bringing up negative experiences and thoughts from the past – plunging our present into disarray.

Missed opportunities, strained relationships and unfulfilled personal goals are just some of the undesirable outcomes of our own negative thought patterns.

How can mindfulness benefit me?

- **Increased motivation and a sharper focus on tasks**
- **Living in the here and now; no more dwelling in the past**
- **Increased ability to make decisions and take action**
- **Switching off from unpleasant thoughts and focusing on the present moment**
- **Freedom from negative behaviours that hold you back in various aspects of your life**
- **Feeling successful and in control**
- **Achieving your goals**
- **Patting yourself on the back at the end of the day**
- **Happier relationships and collaborations**
- **Increased happiness, health and wellbeing**
- **Feeling at ease within yourself**

Be mindful in all that you *do* and you will learn how to *be*.

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eyes of The Debs

Marigold Freeman-Attwood

MARIGOLD was a member of the Women's Royal Naval Service, known as the Wrens.

She worked on Colossus, the world's first digital electronic computer, which was developed at Bletchley but the existence of which was kept secret for decades. The machine remains at The National Museum of Computing next door to Bletchley Park.

Marigold still lives nearby in Haddenham in Buckinghamshire.

She said: "I met someone in London who asked me if I could do crosswords and I said no. They then asked if I spoke any other languages – no. So I was sent to the Wrens. We lived the rural life at Woburn Abbey."

Margaret Mortimer

MARGARET worked as a Wren and despite none of these women knowing each other before they met yesterday (Tuesday), Margaret discovered her and Marigold may have shared a dorm for a week.

The veteran, from Bramble Edge in Dorset, worked in the Newmanry Registration Room at Bletchley Park receiving German messages from the intercept site at Knockholt, near Sevenoaks in Kent, preparing them for running through Colossus and logging the results. Margaret said: "Nobody knew what anyone else was doing. I was told I would not be allowed to go anywhere until the war ended, which felt like a prison sentence. I am sad my parents never knew what I did here."

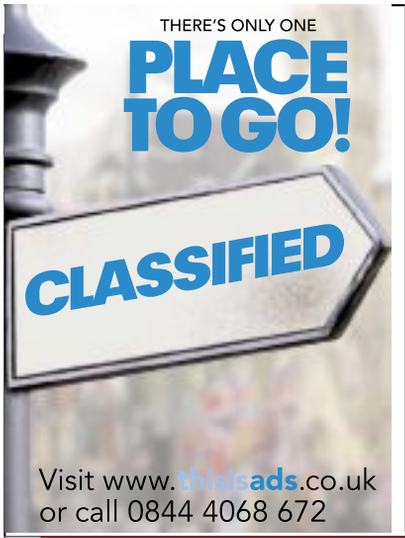
Jean Tocher

JEAN worked on the Allied Plot as a Wren in the Bletchley Park Naval Section.

This was a chart of the world, covering all four walls of one room, on which a number of Wrens plotted the movement of all the allied ships and their German, Italian and Japanese opposites.

The pensioner from Poole, in Dorset, helped the Navy target the enemy and like others in this section, she was sometimes questioned by other girls if their boyfriends were safe.

"We were unstoppable and worked on shifts day and night," said Jean. "It was essential for us to warn our Navy and Air Force where to attack. It became second nature to not talk about it. We are the survivors."



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FLORENCE Moo, the official mascot for Willen Hospice's MK Midnight Moo walk, joined MKWeb and MK NEWS reporter Jessica Duncan at Up & Running in Elder Gate, CMK, to help get ready for this year's walk.

Jessica will be taking part in the 10-mile ladies only walk, supported by MKWeb and MK NEWS, on July 4 along with hundreds of others to raise much needed funds for Willen Hospice.

The walk is open to all ladies over 18 (with females 14-18 able to walk with an adult). You can sign up at www.mkmidnightmoo.com

Off pat: Jessica Duncan limbers up with Florence Moo

City tops table for workplace injuries

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MILTON Keynes is the worst city in the region for work-related injuries and illnesses, according to new statistics.

Watchdog the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has revealed that out of 52 local authorities in the east of England, Milton Keynes had 341 incidents – three more than Central Bedfordshire and 55 more than Peterborough in third.

There were 5,400 work-related illnesses in the city – 500 more than in Central Bedfordshire and 1,800 more than Norwich and Aylesbury Vale.

Karl Howes, HM principal inspector of health and safety in the field operations directorate of the Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire group, said these figures were higher for MK because there were more employers in the city compared to other areas, which meant more accidents.

"These are absolute numbers rather than relative to the numbers of persons employed in an area," he said.

"Milton Keynes and Peterborough have the highest absolute numbers but both are areas of high industry and both are growing."

He added that the HSE is continuing to inspect businesses that are in high-risk industry sectors in the city.

The latest figures show that those involved in construction, manufacturing, agriculture and waste and recycling are most at risk.

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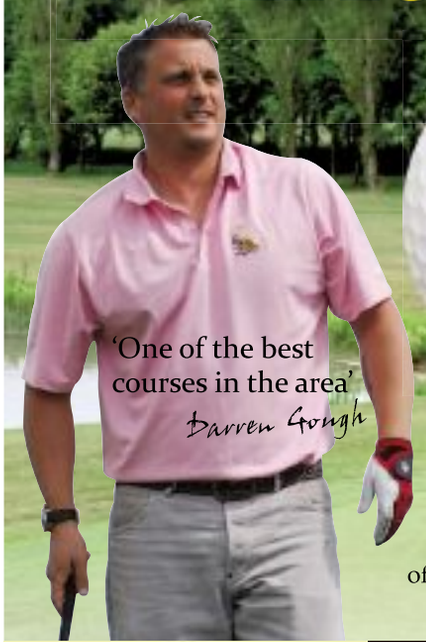
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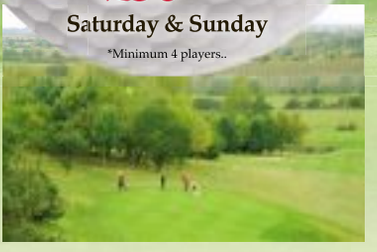

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Welcome Break shamed on pay

Pay: Andrew Pakes used to work at Welcome Break

BY SARAH LEE
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SERVICE station operator Welcome Break in Newport Pagnell is among the businesses to be 'named and shamed' for failing to pay the minimum wage.

It was named on the single biggest list of companies exposed by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills on Thursday.

The 37 firms will be fined a total of £51,000 and must also pay affected staff the £177,000 they were underpaid.

Welcome Break said an IT problem contributed to the mistake.

Chief executive Rod McKie said: "The initial breach was brought to light as an employee complained to the HMRC that her pay rate had not been increased correctly upon reaching her 21st birthday.

"After investigating, the firm found more people in a similar position. These incidents were not as a result of a decision to withhold an increase but resulted from a combination of factors, specifically, a change of management within the units, periods of holiday and a difficulty with a new IT system and set of management processes."

The minimum wage for adults aged 21 and over currently stands at £6.50 per hour, although the three major Westminster parties have all said they want to raise it.

Andrew Pakes, Labour's parliamentary candidate for Milton Keynes South, said: "It is terrible to see so many big companies, including Welcome Break, being named and shamed for undercutting the minimum wage.

"We already have too many minimum wage jobs in the city, with more than a quarter of jobs in the borough now being low-paid, without Welcome Break undermining it further.

"My first job was at the M1 services in Newport Pagnell and it taught me a lot about the world of work. Welcome Break owe some big answers over this."

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Doubtful future: Tenants at Bletchley's Ambassador House are worried about whether they will be forced out as a result of a dispute between City Renovations and Milton Keynes Council

Homes loss threat

BY SCOTT KIRK & SARAH LEE
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TENANTS in a block of flats are living in fear of being made homeless as a result of a dispute between Milton Keynes Council and private developer City Renovations.

With the three-year lease on Ambassador House in Queensway, Bletchley, due to expire in March, the council entered into renegotiations with City Renovations.

However, the authority has said the company owes it £125,000 in Section 106 money to invest in the community.

According to Conservative councillor Andrew Geary, former leader of the council, City Renovations is disputing the charge and has threatened to instead lease the flats to Luton Borough Council.

A mother who could become homeless along with her seven-year-old daughter has admitted that she does not know what the future holds.

Ruan Dyson, 42, and her daughter Carla live in one of the 26 flats at Ambassador House and says she hasn't been told whether she will need to move out.

Carla goes to school nearby so she doesn't want to relocate if she can avoid it, but she may not have a choice if the council and City Renovations cannot strike a deal.

"I want to stay here because I don't drive, but we don't know what is going to happen," said Mrs Dyson.

Mr Geary said "I call upon the new administration to demonstrate some leadership and ensure that a sensible conclusion is reached, both for the tenants and the council."

A spokesman from Milton Keynes Council added: "We are keen to renew the leases and council officers are working very hard with all partners to ensure that these tenants are not evicted."

MK NEWS contacted City Renovations for a comment, but had not received a response by the time of going to press last night.

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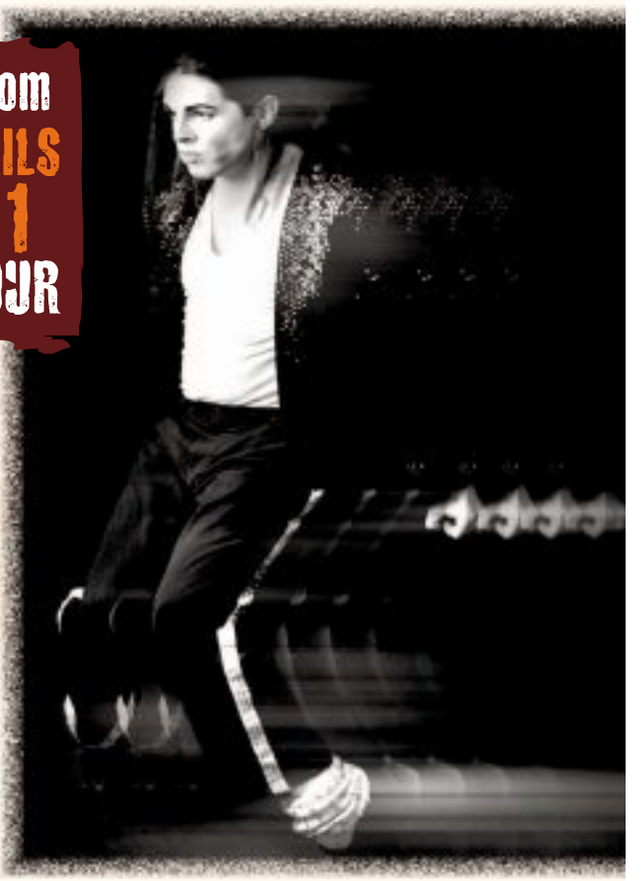

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Beat January blues at the MK Job Show

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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WITH city-based companies, including CityLink, Johnsons Dry Cleaners, Bank Fashion and The Money Shop, announcing redundancies or the risk of job cuts at the start of 2015, a number of people may be looking for new career opportunities.

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The free event has thousands of jobs and opportunities that will be available from companies including VW Group, Home Retail Group, Santander, Monarch Airways, Easy Jet, Travis Perkins, HMGCC, Jaltek, FCO, HIT Training, The National Apprenticeship Service, Fossil, BE Aerospace, Airwatch, Army, Navy, Royal Air Force, NHBC, Sainsburys, Connells, Allianz, Countrywide and many more.

Roles include management, IT and engineering, healthcare, building and construction, HR, marketing, finance, analysis, sales/business development, customer service and more.

Visitors to Middleton Hall at the centre:mk on Friday and Saturday are encouraged to take along their CVs for the best chance to impress.

MK NEWS and MKWeb are media partners for the show, which is being held for the third time.

Editor Cally Jenkins said: "This is the perfect opportunity for people to find out more about what jobs are out there and is a fun and relaxed way to discover more about these prestigious companies."

The show takes place at 9am-6.30pm both days.

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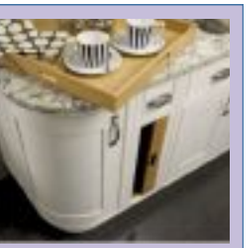

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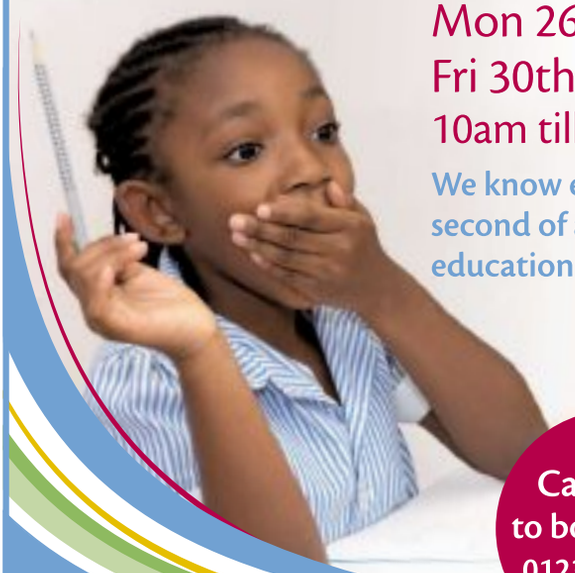

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Under debate: Members of the youth cabinet discuss the possibility of lowering the voting age

Vote at 16 backed

BY JAMES AVERILL
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COUNCILLORS have backed the voting age being lowered to 16 – and members of the city's youth cabinet believe young people would relish the chance to go to the ballot.

At Wednesday's full meeting of Milton Keynes Council, the chamber voted in favour of a motion by Liberal Democrat councillor Sam Crooks, urging the Government to change its legislation.

And the decision has largely pleased members of the city's youth cabinet – although not everyone agrees with the idea.

Kayla Martinez, a 16-year-old student at The Hazeley Academy, said: "At the age of 16 you can marry your MP, have kids with your MP, but you can't vote for your MP."

Also supporting the age being lowered was Adam Rolfe, 18, who said high turnout in the Scottish independence referendum 'showed there was interest' and 13-year-old Paris Weavers, who thinks 16-year-olds are 'definitely mature enough'.

But Stantonbury Campus student Amber Saunders, aged 15, said: "You have to draw a line somewhere and I think everything leads to being 18. For me, I'm nearly 16 and I don't think I'm anywhere near ready."

Cllr Crooks told MK NEWS: "Although the council can't change things themselves, I thought it was worth showing that we think their views should be heard."

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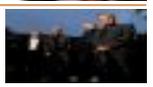

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garylucy

HOT, tanned and hunky – Gary Lucy is ready to swoon the ladies at Milton Keynes Theatre when as he stars in The Full Monty.

The actor, who is best known for playing baddie Danny Pennant in BBC One's EastEnders, will be stripping off on stage in his role as Gaz.

He told MK LIFE: "All my blushes will be saved thanks to some clever lighting. I just kind of get on with it and hope the light technicians get it right.

"The transition from television to theatre is completely different, the live element is exciting and always different.

"It's a great opportunity to play various elements and to see the immediate reaction from the crowd."

The Full Monty is about six unemployed steelworkers who become inspired by Chippendale dancers to start their own group.

They decide they will give it a go – but none of them can dance and aren't exactly stripper material. Gary stars alongside Lucy Emerick, Andrew Dunn and Rupert Hill and the audience follows the group through humourous trials and tribulations that have hilarious consequences.

Gary will reportedly be making a return in a special Lucy Beale flashback episode of Eastenders in February, which is expected to fill in the gaps of what happened the night she was killed.

Gary said: "I have an inkling Abbey Branning is the murderer, but I have no idea what the script is like or who the killer is."

The Full Monty will be at Milton Keynes Theatre until Saturday. Tickets cost £16.40 for an evening show and £13.40 for a matinee from www.atgtickets.com/venues/milton-keynes-theatre/

openingchapter

EVERYBODY loves a good book, poem or even a cheeky limerick. The Stony Words festival returns for its IIth year and promises to be full of as much whimsical word play as ever.

On Sunday there will be a three-course meal and a variety of musical entertainment at the Cock Hotel in Stony Stratford's High Street.

Enjoy an evening with Tracy Buchanan, **pictured**, as she talks about her book, The Atlas Of Us, on Tuesday at 6pm. The novel tells the story of a woman who travels to Thailand to find her missing mother.

Tracy will be appearing at the library in Church Street and tickets are available by emailing gifford11@btinternet.com.

Alternatively you can book your place at the town's library.

savourawards

IT IS time to show your support as a number of restaurants from the area have been nominated in the Buckinghamshire Food and Drink Awards.

Mastee, based in Bletchley, is up for Best Newcomer, while Woburn Sands-based Mamma Concetta has been put up for Best Local Independent Tea/Coffee Shop.

You can vote for your winner via the Food and Drinks section of our website – **mkweb.co.uk.**

The competition is being used to galvanise a mass movement of the most influential people and establishments in food, including pubs, brewers, butchers and coffee shops.

The winners will be decided solely by votes from members of the public who have logged onto the awards website.

Director of the Buckinghamshire Food and Drink Awards, Damian Cummins, said: "Our vision is to highlight the very best of Buckinghamshire's quality food and drink sector."

Campaigns have already started across Facebook and Twitter to generate votes.

Look for Buckinghamshire Food and Drink Awards on Facebook and #Bucksfinest on Twitter.

Voting closes on May 1 and the winners will be announced some time in June.

For starters: Mo Abdul, *right*, and Shaq Ali promoting the Bucks Food and Drink Awards

barnesbanter

WINNER of the BBC New Comedian Awards and self-confessed radio nerd Angela Barnes will be bringing roll on the floor laughter to The Crown in Stony Stratford on February 12.

Angela's satire involves a witty world view and she has appeared on BBC Three's Russell Howard's Good News and BBC Radio 4.

The 38-year-old left a career in health and social care to follow her dream of foraying into comedy and, as well as winning awards from the BBC, she has also won the Latitude Festival New Act of the Year competition.

Angela will be appearing at The Crown at 7.30pm on February 12. Tickets cost £8 and are available online at thecomedycow.co.uk

THE weather may still be on the cold side, but soon you will have to begin preparing for the spring. In his latest monthly column for MK LIFE, James Frost, from Frosts Garden Centre, outlines what you need to be doing in the garden as all things green begin to blossom

SPRING is on the way and there is a lot of preparation ahead in the garden.

Seed potatoes are available to buy. Go early for the best selection and put them into trays to chit (allow new shoots to form) in a cool, light, frost free room.

Summer flowering bulbs also arrive in garden centres and can be planted into containers and kept frost free, or wait a month and plant them out in the garden.

If you did not sow sweet peas in the autumn now is the second chance to sow them. Use deep pots (i.e. root trainers), or sweet pea tubes. Now is the time to start bringing overwintered dahlia tubers back into growth gradually.

Outside there is a lot of tidying up from the winter to do. Cut back ornamental grasses down to ground level. Summer flowering shrubs – buddleia, leycesteria, ceratostigma and hardy fuchsia – can all be cut back hard.

Winter stem lines such as dogwood (cornus alba and sanguinea forms) along with shrubby willow salix alba varieties should be pruned (stooled) to about 20cm above ground level, where they will shoot from in the spring.

Cut your lawn on a high setting if the weather is warm and the grass is dry. If sowing a new lawn, the seed bed can be prepared ready for sowing next month. Alternatively, if the ground is dry you can lay turf straight away.

Read more at **mkweb.co.uk**.

joannasings

HAVING helped coach pop sensation Sam Smith on his way to stardom, jazz vocalist Joanna Eden is back showcasing her own talents, bringing her smooth vibes and luscious voice to The Stables.

Joanna is known in her own right as a talented jazz artist and is currently embarking on a tour to try out her new material with the fans.

She cites Sam's voice as incredible even at a young age.

"I began teaching him to sing when he was nine years old," she added.

"I used to play locally in Cambridge and his parents just brought him to me one day and asked me if I thought he was good. I told them he was amazing, but at the time I hadn't taught anyone and I told them I wasn't a teacher, but in the end I started working with him.

"He stayed with me until he was 17 years old, just before he left for London."

Joanna is originally from Lincolnshire and wrote her first song at the age of seven. She began learning the piano aged four.

Of her tour she said: "I've played at The Stables around four times and it is a fabulous crowd, a lot of people work there on a voluntary basis and they really look after you."

The singer-songwriter's new album will be released in March, but the name of it is still to be decided.

She said: "We have no idea what we are going to call the album. There are two songs on there I have written with Sam, one of them is called Hold on Tight, which will be released as a single."

Joanna will be playing at The Stables on Friday at 8.45pm. Tickets cost £12.50 from www.stables.org.

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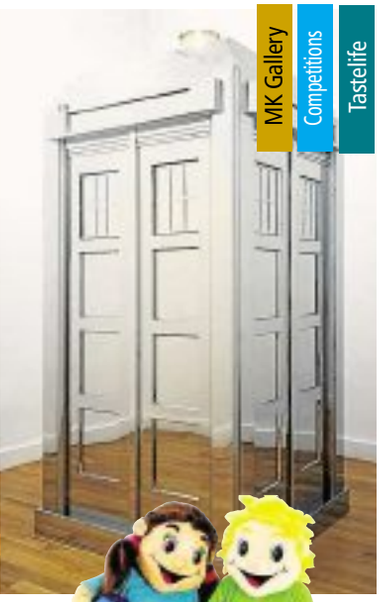
MK GALLERY presents How to Construct a Time Machine – an exhibition of more than 25 historical and contemporary works exploring how artists play with media to transform time.

Questions such as what is time, how do we order the past, the present and the future and why are artists interested in time? will be explored.

The show's title is taken from an 1899 text by French writer Alfred Jarry. It was written in response to H G Wells' science fiction novel The Time Machine.

The exhibition, which opens on Friday and runs until March, is free to attend.



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360play

MK LIFE is offering you the chance to win a fabulous trip to 360 Play.

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And there to join in with the fun are the popular 360 mascots, Twizzle and Twirl, **pictured above**.

So no matter what the weather decides, everyone is assured of a great day out in a clean, friendly and safe environment.

The attractions at 360 Play, which is based in Knowlhill, include a three-storey central play structure, featuring a giant slide, ball pools, crawl tunnels and rope climbs.

There is also a dodgem car track, carousel, 360 imagination street, a messy play area and seaside zone.

Then there is 'the great outdoors' with climbing palm trees, paddle boats and huge landscaped sandpit.

To be in with the chance of winning, simply answer the following question:

Which estate in Milton Keynes is 360 Play based in?
A) Knowlhill
B) Beanhill
C) Winterhill
D) Bleak Hall

To enter visit mkweb.co.uk/competitions, or send your name, address and daytime phone number to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU by January 28. The editor's decision is final

perfectitalian

MAMMA Concetta is your quintessential Italian bistro, with mum in the kitchen, tasty simple food and the sort of atmosphere only seen while travelling through Napoli.

I ordered the pasta Napoli, meatballs and a side salad. Made with local, fresh ingredients, it was obvious why these family recipes had stood the test of time.

The pasta was done perfectly and the sauce, which was made fresh in front of me, was flavoursome and proved that you don't need loads of ingredients for intense flavour.

The meatballs were beautifully moist and well-seasoned, a great accompaniment to the pasta. The whole experience was finished with an espresso, the quality obvious to taste.

Eighty five year-old chef Mamma Concetta, who was working in the kitchen (no bigger than a box room), told me the key is fresh ingredients and good meat.

This mantra is ingrained in the DNA of the bistro with coffee imported from a friend in the south of Italy and oil made from olives grown on the family's land back in Flumeri.

This place in Woburn Sands is a world away from the plastic chain Italian restaurants that you often find and is definitely worth a visit.

Jack Ash

filmreview

LIAM Neeson returns as ex-covert operative Bryan Mills in the third instalment of the Taken franchise.

Having reconciled with his ex-wife Lenore, their romance is cut short when she is brutally killed. Framed for her murder, Bryan is forced to go on the run while using his 'particular set of skills' to track down the real killers.

Daughter Kim is once more kidnapped, albeit as a sub plot this time around in a flimsy attempt to reference the Taken premise.

While the original was a clever thriller with ample action from Neeson, Taken 3 is none of those things. The plot is absurd and full of holes, resulting in an empty story of revenge with the odd brawl thrown in.

Forest Whitaker is a welcome addition as LAPD Inspector Franck Dotzler, yet he spends very little screen time with Neeson.

Taken 3 is a dull cliché and worst of all is clearly beneath Neeson's talents.

★★★★★ **Rachael West**

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

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boogienight

ENJOY a 70s and 80s themed night at Wilton Hall on February 20 with Funk Odyssey.

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badmintontaster

WANT to get into a new sport? Try your hand at badminton at Stantonbury Arts and Leisure Centre.

It is an eight-week course with one session per week and is aimed at beginners who are keen to improve their confidence and learn something new.

The course will cost £40 and also includes a free racket. Call Stantonbury Arts and Leisure Centre on 01908 324466 for more information.

rockingaway

IT'S party time as the nation's favourite Rock 'n' Roll variety show, That'll Be The Day, comes to Milton Keynes Theatre on Sunday.

This hugely entertaining rock 'n' roll spectacular features a fantastic line up of knock-out hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s, plus loads of hilarious comedy. Prepare for an unforgettable night of nostalgia, laughs and great music. Tickets cost between £25.40 and £27.90, plus a £2.85 transaction fee. Call the theatre's box office on 0844 871 7652 to book.

boyhoodsnapshots

FILMED over 12 years with the same cast, Oscar-nominated Boyhood is a ground breaking story of growing up, as seen through the eyes of a child called Mason.

The film shows snapshots of adolescence from road trips, family dinners, birthdays, graduations and all the moments in between. Watch Boyhood at MK Gallery on Friday, January 30 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 per person.

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SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. **Tel No: 0905 002 1880 Box No: 413399**

BEV very attractive female who loves cosy night in, travel, cooking seeks caring warm hearted man who can put the spark back into my life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 406093**

LUCY, 32yrs, blonde lady seeks naughty boys of any age for no strings fun. **Tel No: 0905 002 1884 Box No: 413443**

DEBBIE 51, own flat/car, 5ft 7ins, slim, brown hair, new to area, seeks kind, gentle, thoughtful man up to 52. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 406189**

ADVENTUROUS sexy lady, 38yrs, married but seeks no strings fun with discreet man, any age. I'm tall, slim and dominant. Aca. **Tel No: 0905 002 1934 Box No: 415301**

JULIE blonde petite nurse loves holidaying, socialising, horses, WLTM happy man who fancies taking a chance on me, I promise you'll be glad you did. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405819**

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CLAUDIA affectionate loving 29yr old sensual female who enjoys to keep active seeking professional male up to 50yrs for discreet adult 1-2-1. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405807**

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ELSIE 64, widow, likes most things, looking for gent, N/S, kind, caring, honest and reliable for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 406153**

TRACY, 36yrs, hubbie away on the rigs dec/jan, seeks discreet fun with clean chap any age? **Text Only 4590837**

TRACY 46, slim, blonde, blue eyes, likes country walks, cinema, bowling, drinks, down to earth, honest, caring, seeks companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405427**

SALLY, 38yrs large cuddly lady seeks slim men for discreet meetings. **Text Only 4550193**

SCARLET 30yr old sexy spontaneous and looking for discreet fun times with similar broadminded male. Like what you see, call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405251**

TRUDY 36yrs, wltm broadminded men of any age/area for daytime meetings. **Text Only 4550194**

MICHELLE young funky 40's professional with no ties, solvent with my OHAC, enjoys cosy nights in, good nights out looking for nice guy for text chats and fun dates. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405245**

MELANIE, 38, slim, blonde and bored. Call if you want no strings fun. **Text Only 4550198**

SUE 38 slim brunette nurse, very pretty, chatty, outgoing, enjoys life, seeks tall fun loving guy who will enjoy similar interests and make me feel safe and loved. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404695**

JENNI, 52 bored housewife wants no strings fun with younger chap. **Text Only 4550197**

DINA 27 discreet blue eyed pretty female, loves pub meals, cosy nights in with good company, looking for easygoing relationship with no pressure just fun. Any age. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404675**

EILEEN 64, semi retired, GSOH, seeking kind, genuine, thoughtful male for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 403843**

SLIM attractive white female, bubbly, easygoing, seeks Afro Caribbean gent, 50-60. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 367761**

MAZ Curvy 38yr old African female, enjoys travel, cooking, WLTM loving male who will look after and care for me in return for tlc and more. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405239**

CLARE 51, 5ft 2ins, bubbly, honest, good heart, likes days out, looking for someone 45-55. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404003**

FEMALE brown hair, blue eyes, likes gardening, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 403465**

CHRISTIAN brunette, friendly, curvy, romantic, medium build, 5ft 2ins, likes gardening, cooking, gym, N/S, non drinker, seeking male, 58-69 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 403029**

SLIM attractive female, 56, blonde, young looking, loving, curvy, seeking male for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 403073**

TRACY 37, 5ft 8ins, blue eyed blonde, OHAC, likes gym, horses, walking, seeking ltr with caring trustworthy nice male, with or without ties. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404839**

HI guys Diane here, friendly, easygoing with many interests and a romantic, tactile temperament, seeking Knight in Shining armour, pls get in touch for a chat. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404697**

VERY sociable young 63yr old female, medium build, 5ft 8ins, WLTM male, 60-65, genuine, honest with old fashioned values for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 393901**

ATTRACTIVE 50yr old fun loving, kind, caring, likes walks, cinema, DVDs, meals out, seeks 50ish male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 330217**

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 384852**

MANDY 36 curvy, dark hair, pretty, feminine, loves music, sport, movies, meals out, looking for a loving partner for a committed relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404551**

NINA black beauty, classy 21, loves to have lots of fun, seeks older man who is willing to come up with a few new ideas for fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 381361**

SHARON 36, tall attractive, warm hearted, patient female, enjoys meals out, romantic walks, studies, WLTM similar considerate male for cosy nights in and more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404031**

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SARA 23yr old brunette, brown eyes, very attractive with nice smile and great personality, looking for male 30-45yrs for LTR. Looking unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405093**

JANE 40, widow, one son, looking for love with kind male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404979**

CHRISTINA attractive, blonde hair, 5ft 2ins, seeks similar aged male for love, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 402739**

65YR old widow, 5ft 7ins, N/S, likes most things, walks, coffee/chats, seeks honest, reliable gent, 65-70 for friendly relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 403387**

JAN outgoing 40yr old lady, on my own and feeling a bit lonely, looking for male for meals in/out, companionship and take it from there. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405069**

AVA divorced black lady 39, medium build, attractive, fit/active, varied interests, WLTM loving kind male 40-60, for friendship and fun. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404843**

JESS gorgeously curvy natural blonde looking for male with GSOH for uncomplicated fun times. Serious and discreet so please no time wasters, serious fun seekers only. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405255**

ELAINE very attractive lady with great personality and very interests looking to live life to the full with similar mature flexible friend. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405289**

MARIE voluptuous female looking for discreet naughty guy to help me get back into shape and enjoy adult fun along the way. What are you waiting for call me? **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405285**

SHARON 32 single searching endlessly for Mr Right so thought I would give this a try, lots of interests, outgoing, kind hearted, WLTM caring male in similar situation. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405257**

JOAN mid 70's, widow, family orientated, likes gardening, dancing, meals out, walks, seeks male for friendship and companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 403665**

64YR old widow, retired, N/S, likes aromatherapy, massage, seeking LTR with male, no ties. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404955**

ELSIE widow, 5ft 7ins, 63, likes most things, walks, chats, seeks honest, reliable gent, 63-68 for platonic relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 398269**

MARIE petite young looking 60's brunette, friendly, loving, enjoys gardening, cooking, more, WLTM N/S reliable, trustworthy male 63-70 with GSOH, OHAC, for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404395**

SARA 36yr old blonde blue eyed nurse with a typical hour glass figure, likes gym, theatre, meals out, good wine, WLTM a nice someone 46-56 to relax with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404555**

HI I am Sue 39, a slim good looking nurse with a happy go lucky, bubbly disposition looking for someone nice, caring, tactile and romantic to enjoy fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404355**

JANE good looking N/S female looking to meet nice male partner to share and enjoy life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404419**

WENDY 58, 5ft 9ins, brown hair, likes outdoors, adventurous, seeking male with GSOH for friendship/companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404337**

50YR old brunette, attractive, curvy, medium build, friendly, honest, caring, likes outdoors, cooking, sports, seeks male 50 plus for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 393325**

ATTRACTIVE lady, medium build, friendly, likes gardening, seeks male with similar interests. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 348629**

50YR old black woman, no ties, professional, likes meals out, walks, cinema, theatre, travel, reading, radio 4, seeks man, 48-62 for LTR. Widow/divorced. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 391785**

DONNA 24yr old single nurse, curvy, pretty, brown hair, big eyes, single and fun to be with, WLTM mature male for romance 25-45yrs. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 391117**

LISA 46, black, looking for male companion for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 396049**

28YR old brunette, seeks fun loving, adventurous male for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380918**

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40YR old slim, black female, seeks white male 45-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 403079**

FUN loving female, 50, likes cooking, reading, countryside, history, theatre, music, seeking intelligent humorous male for love and laughter. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 401693**

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STEVE part time carer, looking to meet female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 406075**

JOHN tall, slim, 63, likes gardening, motoring, holidays, meals out, looking for slim, petite female, any age for relationship, fun times and company. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405669**

MALE 41, seeks female for friendship with benefits. Any age/size/looks. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405515**

TALL slim, solvent male, attractive, seeks female, any age/status for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 394118**

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RICHARD, 36yrs, recently widowed with young daughter, seeks motherly lady for committed relationship. **Text Only 4590838**

45YR old white gent, seeks beauty, 18-35. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 392331**

JAMES, hard working single dad, late 30's seeks single mum for family days out. **Text Only 4550196**

MALE 66, young looking, enjoys gym, seeks lady, 54-68 for lasting relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405987**

JOHN, 42yrs professional genuine gent seeks caring lady to treat as a princess. **Text Only 4550195**

65YR old retired widow, likes cinema, music, meals out, walks, seeks female for friendship/companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405989**

MALE WLTM big busty female for fun and friendship, possible LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405961**

BLACK male, seeks white female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405703**

VERY big size 28 plus busty sensual female sort by sensual male for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405055**

HI I am Fredrick 61yrs, single with lots of interests seeking lady for a deep meaningful relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405123**

MICHAEL 53, kind, considerate, loving, likes meals out, cosy nights in, looking for genuine female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 403505**

ROMANTIC 42yr old male, seeks slim-medium build female, 42-50 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 314399**

MALE 45, WLTM natural redhead 40-60 for friendship and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 393773**

MALE 38, likes meals out, nights in, seeks female, similar age for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 403985**

PAUL 47, 5ft 5ins, single, likes pubs, cinema, generally enjoying myself, seeking likeminded fun female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 403883**

YOUNG at heart 71yr old male, 5ft 4ins, medium build, easygoing, likes gardening, DIY, countryside, seeks nice lady for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 392003**

45YR old single male 5ft 10ins, medium build, green eyes, seeking kind hearted female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405083**

RETIRED widower seeks lady for similar adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405001**

6FT medium built blond blue eyed well preserved 60yr male looking for friendship plus for relationship, nothing serious. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404421**

BERNIE 61, brown hair/eyes, 5ft 10ins, slim, GSOH, seeks female for romance, TLC and soul mate. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 394426**

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58YR old N/S, kind, caring, loyal, honest guy, 5ft 10ins, slim, presentable, loving, seeks lady, 52-65. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 400043**

WHITE male, short hair, clean shaven, seeks female, 30-40, down to earth for friendship/relationship and TLC. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 394291**

ATTRACTIVE easygoing male, 44, 5ft 7ins, slim-medium build, seeks slim-medium build female, 25-42 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 397775**

52YR old male, GSOH, seeks lady for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404817**

GORDON 50, widow, 10yr old son, seeks N/S female, 35-55 for serious relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 403975**

MIKE white male, 62, looking for friendship, evenings out, holidays, travel, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 403789**

GEORGE likes nights in and out, seeking female for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 401877**

GRAHAM 50, dark hair, blue eyes, likes walks, beach, meals out, seeking genuine, kind, caring, honest female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 403441**

GENUINE caring male, 49, 5ft 10ins, dark hair, brown eyes, seeks female, 38-46 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 362301**

MALE 46, kind, loving, WLTM genuine lady 45-50 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404301**

FRESH start new beginning, male 55yrs seeks friendship or something more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404045**

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MALE seeks female for holidays and good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 403507**

50YR old widower with son, likes walks, meals out, sports, seeking female, 35-50 with GSOH and N/S. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 394507**

SEAN mid 40's, dark hair, sporty, single, seeks female with similar interests, 35-45. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 372365**

FRIENDLY 59yr old male, likes outings, holidays, meals out, seeks female for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 362153**

GENT 62, fresh look on life, seeks lady, 40-55 for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 403579**

MICHAEL early 70's, feels like 60, 5ft 6ins, seeks adventurous female, any age to share good things in life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 398257**

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ANDREW 50, fed up being alone, seeks female 50 plus for fun, friendship and TLC. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 394340**

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PROPERTY NEWS

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Middleton

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It offers short walks to the popular Willen Lake and benefits from a large private driveway that leads to a double garage, a stunning master bedroom and a private rear garden. This wonderful family home is offered with no upper chain. The property briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility and downstairs cloakroom. On the first floor there are five double bedrooms, two with en-suite, and a family bathroom.

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- Private & Tranquil Rear Garden

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Middleton

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- Open Plan Kitchen/Breakfast/Family Room
- Open Plan Lounge/Dining Room
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Dressing Room to Bedroom Two

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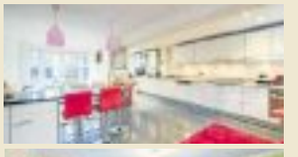
£560,000



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- Double Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Popular Location

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- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Front & Rear Gardens

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- Lounmge & Kitchen/Diner
- Close to Ashland Lake
- Bathroom & En-Suite

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- Three Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Off Road Parking

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- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking & Double Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

Oldbrook £225,000
- Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Larger than Average Plot
- Gardens & Garage

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- Top Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Off Road Parking

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- Three Bedrooms
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- Central Location
- Garage & Off Road Parking

Furzton £199,995
- Link Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Reception Room
- Bathroom

Coffee Hall £185,000
- Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garage, Gardens & Parking

Pennyland £185,000
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- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Rear Garden
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- Garage & Off Road Parking

Heelands £179,995
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- Bathroom & Separate WC
- Garden & Off Road Parking

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- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Secured Under Ground Parking

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- Well Presented Detached Property
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Garden & Double Garage

Medbourne **£195,000**

- Split Level Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room

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- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
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- Off Road Parking
- Close to Local Amenities

Milton Keynes **£56,000**

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- No Chain

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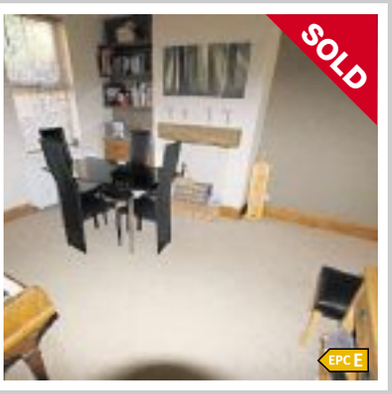

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- Front & Rear Gardens
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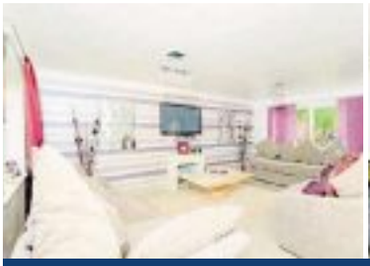

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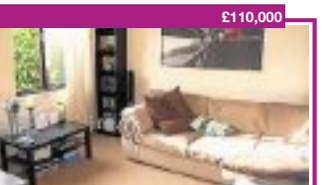

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Closing date: Monday 2nd February 2015 at 4.00pm.

Job description and application forms are available from the school's website www.biddenham.beds.sch.uk. Please send applications for the attention of Julie Shepherd or by email to hr@biddenham.beds.sch.uk.

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Care Assistant

Kilkenny House **Ref: 5011238**

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For informal enquiries please contact Belinda Giannetto on 01908 52545.

Enforcement Officer – 2 posts

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For informal enquiries please contact Sue Crawley, Team Leader for Taxi Enforcement, on 01908 252293.

Family Support Worker Cluster

Cluster 4 Children's Centre **Ref: 50017348**

£20,253 - £22,212

30 hours per week

Empathetic, resilient, and enthusiastic, you will provide a range of services to children under five and their families at home and in the community. You'll need experience of providing advice and support to families in conjunction with partner agencies, particularly the hard to reach, as well as NVQ3.

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For informal enquiries please contact Sam Ball on 01908 609609.

Home Carer - Nights

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For informal enquiries please contact the Team Leader or Manager on 01908 321359.

Intermediate Care Administrator

Orchard House **Ref: 59000809**

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25 hours per week

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Intermediate Care Team Leader

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Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board (MKSCB) Business Manager

£32,778 - £36,571 **Ref: 50018034**

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For informal enquiries please contact Jo Hooper, Head of Safeguarding and Professional Advisor to MKSCB, on 01908 254307 or email jo.hooper@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Interview date: w/c 2nd March 2015 or 9th March 2015

Regulatory Unit Senior Practitioner

£37,483 - £41,140 **Ref: 59001817**

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Senior Practitioner – Older People and Physical Disability Services – Community Social Work Team

£37,483 - £41,140 **Ref: 50018249**

Fixed term contract for 14 months

Take a step up as you provide supervision, advice and guidance to the team while authorising the allocation of resources, managing safeguarding investigations and handling more complex cases. Your extensive adult social care experience will be backed up by a Social Work Qualification or equivalent.

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For informal enquiries please contact Zoe Vaughan, Team Manager, on 01908 253159.

Sheltered Housing Officer

£20,253 - £22,212 **Ref: 50011203**

Working as part of a team, you will provide support, advice and encouragement to older people to promote their independence and encourage inclusion in the scheme and the wider community. Able to work alone and under pressure, you will have excellent communication and administration skills and ideally a supported housing qualification.

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For informal enquiries please contact Helen Butler on 01908 252944.

Interview date: 24th February 2015

Specialist Teacher - Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties (BESD)

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For informal enquiries please contact Felicity Rees on 01908 253217.

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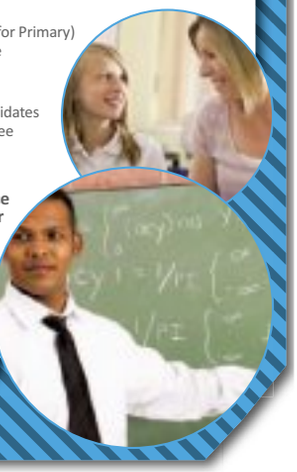

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As a key figure within the leadership team, your responsibilities will include tracking all night vehicles and drivers, while keeping control of the transport plan as necessary, and dealing with any issues. You will keep up to date with driver data, infringement analysis, and keep check on other compliance such as driver and vehicle records. You will also conduct vehicle inspections before and after routes, and provide clear pre-brief and de-brief communication to drivers.

You will have the commitment to cover any vehicle routes if necessary and support and keep check on our warehouse, if required.

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English Coordinator

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The governors and Head teacher wish to appoint a dedicated and inspirational English teacher to enhance the well-deserved reputation for English teaching the school already holds.

We are looking for an outstanding teacher and curriculum leader who:

- can inspire and motivate our staff and pupils
- is committed to continual improvement
- To develop and deliver English across the school
- Is creative and innovative with a passion for teaching and learning
- Has high expectations of children and staff
- Will work in partnership with pupils, staff, parents/carers, academy directors and the wider community.

Music Coordinator

Full-time
MPS TLR 2a £2,587 per annum

The governors and Head teacher wish to appoint a dedicated and inspirational Music teacher to enhance the well-deserved reputation for Music teaching the school already holds.

We are looking for an outstanding teacher and curriculum leader who:

- can inspire and motivate our staff and pupils.
- is committed to continual improvement.
- to develop and deliver Music across the school.
- is creative and innovative with a passion for teaching and learning.
- has high expectations of children and staff.
- will work in partnership with pupils, staff, parents/carers, academy directors and the wider community.

Closing date: 3 February 2015.
Interview date: 9 February 2015.

Cover Supervisor

Full-time
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Completed application forms should be emailed or posted to Denise Willis, Head teacher's PA, dwillis@daubeney.bbvle.com For a detailed job description, person specification and application form please visit our website http://www.daubeneyacademy.co.uk/vacancies.htm

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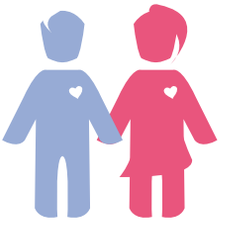

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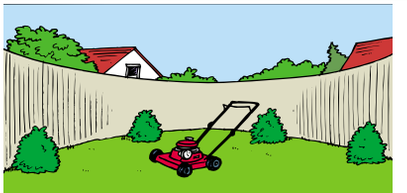

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Licensing Notices

Frank McMahon is applying for the Grant of a Premises Licence for *Pink Punters, 2 Watling Street, Fenny Stratford, MK22BS*. The Licence if granted is to enable the Following Activities to take Place: *Supply of alcohol / provision of live music / provision of recorded music / performances of dance /provision of late night refreshment. Days and times of licensed activities Mon-Weds – 1900-0030 Thurs-Mon - 1900-0700*.

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to this application may do so by writing to the Licensing Team, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ Representation may be made for 28 consecutive days from 13th January 2015 A copy of the application for the grant of the above licence is kept by Licensing Team, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ **www.mkweb.co.uk/licensing**. The application can be viewed Monday – Thursdays between 9.00am - 4.30pm and on Fridays between 9.00am - 4pm except bank holidays. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application Dated *13th January 2015*

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LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

NOTICE is hereby given that: Vinayagamoorthy Muhunthan.
Has applied to THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
For a NEW PREMISES LICENCE At: MACE, 31 Portfields Road, Newport Pagnell, Milton Keynes, MK16 8BU

The proposed variation is to: Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises only Monday to Sunday 08:00 to 23:00

Full details of the application can be seen further on in this document.
Any persons or responsible authority wishing to make representations in support or against the application must do so in writing by the **following date: 9th February 2015.**

To the following address:
LICENSING TEAM, COMMUNITY WELLBEING DIRECTORATE, MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL, CIVIC OFFICES, 1 SAXON GATE EAST, MILTON KEYNES MK9 3EJ Tel: 01908 252800
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Representations received in response to this review will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety, or protection of children from harm.) It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine of £5,000 is liable on summary conviction for the offence.

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Public Notices

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (BOW BRICKHILL LEVEL CROSSING AND PARTS OF BRICKHILL STREET) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, because works are to be carried out, namely the annual inspection and maintenance of Bow Brickhill level crossing. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along Brickhill Street, Bow Brickhill for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Bow Brickhill level crossing, together with the level crossing itself. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 23:00 pm on Saturday 07 February 2015 until 12:00 pm on Sunday 08th February 2015.

Whilst the temporary closure is in effect the alternative route will be via A146 Bletcham Way (H10), A5, Brickhill Street and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles, military vehicles being driven on operational duties and any vehicle connected to the associated works.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 7th February 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The length of road to be closed and the alternative routes can be viewed at www.roadworks.org

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES) (VARIOUS ROADS, HANSLOPE) (RESTRICTED ROAD) ORDER 2011) VARIATION ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 21st January 2015 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to increase the 30mph speed limit along Castlethorpe Road, Hanslope from 510 metres to 661 metres as follows:-

No vehicles, except for emergency services and military vehicles on operational duties shall be permitted to exceed the temporary speed restriction of 30 mph along the following length of road:-

- Castlethorpe Road, Hanslope (both sides of the carriageway), from a point 148 metres south-west of its junction with St James Close for a distance of 661 metres in a south-westerly direction

The Order will affect all classes of vehicles and will come into effect from 22nd January 2015.

Copies of the Order, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Please quote reference PH-S1-TRO-104

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been compiled with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose

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Rachael Kingsley
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Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 **WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

14/02859/TPO Tree preservation order consent to fell 1 x Ash tree to be replaced with a Hornbeam tree of 2-3 metres in height and located 3-5 metres further along the border with 21 High Street, making it 8-10 metres from Gold Street at 19 High Street, Hanslope

14/02864/FUL Demolish single storey rear extension and replace with single storey orangery, demolish front canopy porch and replace with veranda porch at The Borie, 25 Broughton Road, Milton Keynes Village

14/02896/FUL Two storey and single storey rear extension at 1 Spring Lane, Clifton Reynes

14/02903/TCA Notification of intention to fell one Sycamore tree at 27 Radcliffe Street, Wolverton

14/02938/TCA Notification of intention to prune and trim 1 x Apple tree, 1 x Pear tree to be reduced to first fork, and crown reduction of at least 30% to 1 x Lawson Cypress tree at 32 Station Road, Woburn Sands

15/00030/FUL First floor side extension at Meadow Cottage, Pevers Lane, Weston Underwood

SECTION 67 & 73 **LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

14/02805/FUL Single storey rear extension at The Poplars, Clifton Road, Newton, Blossomville

14/02806/LBC Listed building consent for a single storey rear extension at The Poplars, Clifton Road, Newton Blossomville

14/02850/FUL Demolition of the existing stable block and construction of two storey accommodation at 12 Union Street, Newport Pagnell

14/02851/LBC Listed building consent for demolition of existing stable block and construction of two storey accommodation at 12 Union Street, Newport Pagnell

14/02872/LBC Listed building consent for installation of brick gate piers and steel gates (retrospective) at Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley

14/02894/FUL Extension and alterations to existing outbuilding to create Granny Annex at 14 High Street, Hanslope, Milton Keynes

14/02895/LBC Listed building consent for extension and alterations to existing outbuilding to create Granny Annex at 14 High Street, Hanslope

14/02898/FUL Additional blockwork wall works behind already approved timber panels dividing property from neighbour, blockwork wall behind door, new doorway access at rear and framework, door in existing opening in wall and extra timber support for already approved slate roof (relates to Application 13/00799/FUL) at Westcott House, Common Street, Ravenstone

14/02899/LBC Listed building consent for additional blockwork wall works behind already approved timber panels dividing property from neighbour, blockwork wall behind door, new doorway access at rear and framework, door in existing opening in wall and extra timber support for already approved slate roof (relates to Application 13/00799/FUL) at Westcott House, Common Street, Ravenstone

14/02935/FUL Removal and replacement of existing dormer to rear at 64 High Street, Olney

14/02936/LBC Listed building consent for removal and replacement of existing dormer to rear at 64 High Street, Olney

SECTION 67 **LISTED BUILDING**

14/02853/LBC Listed building consent for the repair and preservation of St Peter's Church ruins and surrounding boundary walls at Church of St Peter, Stanton Low, Wolverton Road, Great Linford

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 MAJOR

14/02852/MMAM Minor material amendment to 14/00645/REM to alter access road and associated landscaping at Land To South And East of Community Centre at Briar Hill, Stacey Bushes

14/02893/REM Reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission 13/01460/OUT for 4 x dwellings and 5 x retirement cottages relating to appearance, landscape, layout and scale at Land At Saltbox, High Street, Lavendon

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Will power to help Dons move on after Afobe loss

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MK DONS captain Dean Lewington thinks that the side is much better placed to cope with Benik Afobe's loss this season than they were when Patrick Bamford left 12 months ago.

This time around, Dons have Will Grigg who can play in the striker role, and he set up Carl Baker's goal in the second half which gave Dons a crucial 1-0 win over fellow promotion contenders Sheffield United.

"Griggy has been fantastic since Benik's gone and he got the goal last week and set it up today," said Lewington.

"It just shows the quality we have got in Will, which is great.

"Benik took the headlines but we have a fantastic striker here in Will.

"It was a massive blow when Patrick left and it left a big hole.

"This year we've got Will, who's been scoring and been a big player from the start, so it's less of a change."

Lewington also revealed that Benik Afobe, who has moved to Wolves, was close to quite a few of the players, so it has been a difficult week for the club.

"We had it last year with Patrick and it can unsettle the team.

"Benik was a very big player for us and it's difficult when they leave.

"He was close with a few of the boys and when they move on it can unsettle the ship a bit, but the boys have been great."

Manager Karl Robinson has brought in Jonson Clarke-Harris on a one-month loan, and the forward impressed Lewington when he came on against Sheffield United.

"He looks a real handful – he's big and strong, has a turn of pace and he looks a really bright boy.

"Sometimes with the movements and working out where they like it, it can be a bit strange.

"As he settles in more we'll get to know him and hopefully he can keep improving."

It certainly was a tight game as Dons battled to victory against Sheffield United, and Lewington is delighted that the club is 12 points ahead of the Yorkshire side, who are considered to be one of the biggest teams in League One.

"The last four or five games between us have only been won by the odd goal, so we knew it was going to be a tight game, and luckily today we got that goal.

"It shows how well we've done this year to be 12 points ahead of Sheffield United.

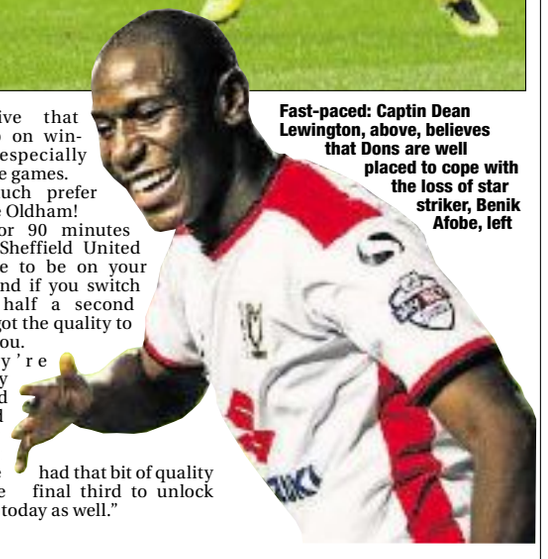
"We've gotten six points off a very good team in the league this season, which is good going ,and it can kick-start our season after a couple of disappointing results over the New Year.

"The pace at the top this year has been frightening and nobody seems to be dropping points, so it's imperative that we keep on winning, especially our home games.

"I'd much prefer wins like Oldham!

"But for 90 minutes against Sheffield United you have to be on your mettle and if you switch off for half a second they've got the quality to punish you.

"They're very dogged and hard to play against and we had that bit of quality in the final third to unlock the door today as well."



Fast-paced: Captin Dean Lewington, above, believes that Dons are well placed to cope with the loss of star striker, Benik Afobe, left

MK Dons goalkeeping coach PAUL HEALD writes exclusively for MK NEWS

I THINK our win against Sheffield United on Saturday sets a benchmark to other teams, as well as to the players to see what they can achieve.

The dynamics of the squad this year are totally different compared to last season – we're stronger in every department.

A year ago I think we would have lost that game, so we're stronger mentally and physically.

People may say we have two away games after Barnsley that are more winnable, but I think they'll be just as hard, if not harder.

Having said that, we've got players that can match any in this league.

Charlie Burns' loan has been extended at Truro City and he has done fantastically well down there.

They're over the moon with him and he's been a breath of fresh air for them.

They're pushing now for a playoff place.

There's nothing like the competitiveness of first-team football.

Arsenal really stifled Manchester City at the weekend and caught them on the break, but some of the football they played was fantastic.

Chelsea won 5-0 but I think Swansea made quite a few mistakes and helped Chelsea get the goals that they did.

Chelsea look the team to beat at the moment and I can't see anybody really touching them this year.

I like the underdogs and I'm a Yorkshire lad, so I'd like to see Sheffield United do well in the Capital One Cup semi-final.

From a personal point of view if they're challenging in cups then they may struggle to keep up their league campaign and hopefully it's one less club to worry about.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY: BARNSLEY (H) L1
JAN 27: SCUNTHORPE (A) L1
JAN 31: CREWE (A) L1
FEB 7: BRISTOL CITY (H) L1
FEB 9: BRADFORD (A) L1
FEB 14: GILLINGHAM (A) L1

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Swindon	26	8	3	2	24	13	8	3	2	28	12	27	54
2	Bristol City	25	9	2	1	23	9	7	4	2	25	13	26	54
3	MK Dons	24	9	2	2	34	12	5	4	2	17	12	27	48
4	Preston	25	6	5	1	22	14	7	2	4	17	11	14	46
5	Rochdale	25	4	3	6	17	17	7	1	4	28	16	12	37
6	Bradford	25	4	3	6	16	18	6	3	3	16	11	3	36
7	Sheffield Utd	24	5	4	3	14	11	5	2	5	16	17	2	36
8	Chesterfield	25	6	3	3	19	14	3	5	5	17	20	2	35
9	Port Vale	26	7	2	4	20	17	3	3	7	13	20	-4	35
10	Notts County	24	4	2	6	14	17	5	5	2	15	12	0	34
11	Fleetwood	26	4	6	3	14	14	5	1	7	12	12	0	34
12	Oldham	24	5	4	3	18	18	3	6	3	15	17	-2	34
13	Doncaster	24	3	3	5	9	13	6	4	3	17	16	-3	34
14	Walsall	26	4	4	5	14	16	4	5	4	12	12	-2	33
15	Peterborough	25	4	3	6	14	18	5	1	6	17	15	-2	31
16	Barnsley	24	5	2	5	23	21	3	3	6	11	15	-2	29
17	Scunthorpe	23	4	1	6	11	18	4	4	4	21	21	-7	29
18	Coventry	26	4	5	4	13	17	3	3	7	14	20	-10	29
19	Gillingham	26	5	4	4	20	19	2	3	8	12	22	-9	28
20	Leyton Orient	25	2	3	7	15	18	4	5	4	19	19	-3	26
21	Crewe	25	5	3	5	14	19	2	2	8	10	25	-20	26
22	Colchester	25	2	2	8	12	22	4	4	5	17	20	-13	24
23	Crawley	25	4	5	4	14	19	1	4	7	10	23	-18	24
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BADMINTON

Top seed back on winning form

TOP seed Rajiv Ouseph, the England number one, lifted his first tour title since 2013 when he won the Swedish Masters on Sunday.

Milton Keynes based Ouseph, who last won on the world circuit at the 2013 Finnish Open, was in commanding form as the Middlesex right-hander beat Spain's Pablo Abian 21-15 21-17 in 38 minutes in Uppsala.

The world number 24 was never behind in the final, but Spain's number six seed made the Englishman work for his title by never letting his opponent open up a sizeable lead.

"It was great to get the win," said Ouseph. "I mainly played for the match practice for the new season and I was trying not to focus on being top seed and just taking one match at a time.

"But the final was fairly comfortable and I just needed to stay disciplined, which I managed to do well."

Meanwhile, Sophie Brown and Kate Robertshaw, who also both train in MK, proved the surprise package of the week.

The English women's doubles duo were the only unseeded players in Sunday's five finals after a superb run, finishing runners -up.

They first beat the number three seeds in the quarter-finals before a thrilling three-game, semi-final win against the Netherlands' top seeds, Samantha Barning and Iris Tabeling, on Saturday.

It set up the chance of a first title of the year against Russia's number two seeds, Anatasia Chervyakova and Nina Vislova.

Brown and Robertshaw, the world number 59 pair, then looked set to finish with another upset as they took the first game 21-17 and held a match point in the second, when 21-20 up. But the Russians snatched the next two points to level the match and then take the third game 21-14.

MK Badminton are back in action at Stantonbury Campus on Monday night when they entertain Birmingham Lions.

It is the second and final game of the season at the campus, and MK face a tough prospect as they take on second-placed Birmingham.

The top four qualify for the semi-finals out of the six-team league. MK lie fourth alongside University of Nottingham and Loughborough Sport, so it really is all to play for.

Net gain: Rajiv Ouseph has notched up an important win

ICE HOCKEY

First strike to Lightning

MK Lightning head coach Nick Poole believes that the team is getting more consistent despite another weekend of one win and one defeat.

Lightning saw off anchor team Bracknell Bees in style on Saturday with an 8-4 victory, a score which flattered the visitors.

But in what has become the norm this season they were unable to follow it up with another win the following day as they slipped to a 6-4 loss at second in the table Guildford Flames – leaving Lightning still in eighth place in the English Premier League.

But Poole feels that his charges are working hard on improving their form.

"I've been really upbeat about the way the guys have played in the last two weeks," said Poole.

"We've worked really hard and put some new systems in place.

"It's been a tough season and I feel for the first time that there is a bit of commitment and consistency about the guys. We're improving, which is great."

On Saturday the hosts were good value for their win, the only complaint being that a couple of Bees goals were down to sloppy defending resulting in a slightly unreal scoreline.

Marek Curilla, Lewis Hook, and captain Adam Carr made it 3-0 before the visitors fought back to 3-2. Lightning then built up a 6-2 lead, and didn't let it go as they went on to prevail 8-4.

Guildford Flames inflicted defeat on Lightning for the third time this season – despite Poole's men taking an early lead at the Spectrum Centre.

Lightning travel to Guildford Flame on Saturday, before entertaining Swindon Wildcats on Sunday.

Goal-bound: Lightning mount an all-out assault on their way to victory against Bracknell Bees

RUGBY UNION

Two Bletchley sides have differing fortunes

BLETCHLEY were unable to build on their first win of the season last week after they were beaten 34-5 at Grove on Saturday.

Buckingham beat Devizes in a relegation battle to move up to third from bottom in South West 1 East, which leaves Bletchley's position at the bottom of the pile looking perilous.

Things are looking better for their female counterparts though, after they beat Newbury 15-12 in a friendly ahead of their Women's Junior Cup third round tie next weekend.

The victory was all the more impressive considering that Bletchley found themselves 12-0 down in the first quarter-hour.

But a brace from Rachael Taylor and a try by Rachael Appleby completed a superb comeback for Bletchley.

In Southern Counties North, Milton Keynes were beaten comprehensively by Thatcham.

With veterans Russell Witton at 49 and Barney Stables at 48 years of age starting in the pack it was asking a lot against a much younger side.

For the first half an hour it was a close-fought contest with Thatcham only managing a single try and conversion.

With 15 minutes of the first half remaining Thatcham were able to considerably improve their position with three further tries. Their kicker was extremely accurate throughout the afternoon and only missed one conversion during the whole game.

Although the score suggested a one sided competition, this wasn't reflected in the match, and there were some good points that Milton Keynes could dwell on.

In Midlands 2 East (South), Olney narrowly lost to Oadby Wyggestonians 31-26.

SPORTSSHORTS

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

OLNEY Town lost 4-1 to Bugbrooke St Michaels in the United Counties League Division One, with Sam O'Neill scoring the goal.

In Division Two of the Spartan South Midlands League, Clean Slate were beaten 4-0 by Pitstone & Ivinghoe, while Old Bradwell United lost 2-0 at Kent Athletic. In the Anagram Records Feeder Leagues Trophy second round, New Bradwell St Peter lost 3-1 to Sandridge Rovers.

In the Milton Keynes Sunday Football League Premier Division, Caz Bar beat Swanfica 2-0, and The Garage MK won 7-0 against Open University.

ATHLETICS

LAURA Zialor was the Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club star at Lee Valley after taking the bronze medal in the U20 triple jump, leaping 11.45m for an U20 and senior club record in the South of England Indoor Championships.

Over 200m, Aaron Adam clocked 22.90 for second place in his senior men's heat as did Elysia Marriott recording 27.72 in the U20 races.

Devon Byrne opened her multi-events season competing in the England Athletics Senior Women's Pentathlon at Sheffield, finishing fifth in the U23 age group.

In the Midland Counties indoor meet at Birmingham Naomi Greener won the U20 long jump with 5.21m and moved to number two on the all-time club rankings for this age group.

MMKAC runners were in action in the Saturday 5km runs and Mark Ryall won the Milton Keynes race, with Mark Palser winning in Buckingham.

Meanwhile, notable performances in the South-Eastern Regional Sportshall Finals for Under 11 athletes came from Pemiwa Aderoju (second in the standing long jump), and Curtis Brown (second in the javelin). For the Girls team, Charlotte Underwood finished second in the speed bounce.

RUGBY UNION

A CENTENARY match is being played at Olney Rugby Club to commemorate Edgar Mobbs – an Olney resident and England international who helped recruit sportsmen to his batallion for the First World War.

Olney will play the 1st Batallion of the Yorkshire Regiment, and Olney Ladies will take on the Army Womens XV this Saturday to remember the 16 Olney players who were killed during the war.

Olney RFC will also be fundraising for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association Military charity on the day.

FENCING

A PARALYMPIC wheelchair fencer from the Forest of Dean is being trained by a Milton Keynes coach in Towcester.

Baldip Sahota has been behind Piers Gilliver, who is now world number one and is aiming to go to the Rio Paralympics in Brazil next year.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes men's firsts were thumped 14-1 by Old Georgians in the South Hockey League Premier Division One, with Mikey Gilson scoring the only goal.

The ladies lost 4-1 at home to Banbury in the South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 3A.

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Dons mystery man

Boss Karl Robinson is playing his cards close to his chest as he hopes to add 'exciting' player to the squad

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DONS boss Karl Robinson is 'excited' about hopefully unveiling a new player this Thursday.

The new man, who is set to come down and train with Dons either today or on Thursday, can play on the left wing or up front, and he looks set to bolster Robinson's attacking options.

"There will be another player here by Thursday hopefully, and this is the one I've wanted," said Robinson, who didn't name who the new man might be.

"I'm excited by unveiling him – he can play left wing or striker.

"There were one or two frustrations last week signing players and part of the group didn't think we'd be able to get this boy."

It's a welcome boost for Robinson, who was able to bring in Jonson Clarke-Harris on a one-month loan from Rotherham United last Friday, after not being able to get signatures for a couple of players over the line.

And after the new signing impressed when he came off the subs bench in the 1-0 win against Sheffield United on Saturday, Robinson thinks he could have a big impact during his one-month loan.

"Jonno came from left field really and we had to jump on that.

"He scored a goal in training yesterday which was one of the best I've ever seen.

"He gives us something different and he's a great kid – he wants to come here and work hard."

The addition of two forward players in a week would be fantastic for a Dons side that impressively ground out success over the Yorkshire side, and Robinson is now looking for his charges to take on the next step in a season which is looking good so far.

"We're in a good place and there's nobody taking their foot off the gas," said Robinson.

"We need to turn the screw now. We have the players, we have the staff to really go and compete, and I think it's a really big three or four weeks – because in that period we play everybody.

"It's time for us to go up another gear."

If Dons win their next two games – at home to Barnsley on Saturday and at Scunthorpe United next Tuesday – they are guaranteed to go top of League One.

That's because Bristol City are in FA Cup action at the weekend, and Swindon Town don't play. With neither side also playing next Tuesday, Dons have a fantastic opportunity to go top of the pile – a prospect which Robinson feels shows how far his side have come.

"It's a good prospect but I'd rather go top at the end of April to be honest!

"For us to even be talking about going top when a lot of people thought we were relegation fodder – that's what everybody wrote! It shows how far we've come. I'm really proud of the players."

Darren Potter has returned to training after he missed Saturday's win against the Blades for personal reasons, and Robinson was impressed with how Samir Carruthers filled in for him.

"Pottsy is back again today and we're glad to have him back.

"I thought Samir stepped in and did really well, and it shows the strength in depth we have here.

New boy: Jonson Clarke-Harris made his Dons debut at the weekend in the 1-0 victory over Sheffield United, and manager Karl Robinson is hoping to add another name to bolster his strike force this week

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